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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: MOTION PICTURES - SOUTH AFRICAN REQUIREMENT TO PROVE
U.S. NATIONALITY AND COPYRIGHT REGISTRATION OF
COPYRIGHT OWNERS

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 205655

(B) PRETORIA 4277

1. KRIEL'S RETURN DELAYED UNTIL OCTOBER 17. WE TALKED TO HIS ASSISTANT (KILIAN) WHO CLAMS REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF REPS FROM U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE AND STATES OF INCORPORATION IS BASED IN LAW AND CANNOT BE WAIVED. KILIAN SEEMS ONLY VAGUELY FAMILIAR WITH CASE, HOWEVER, AND IT IS APPARENT THAT KRIEL IS ONLY MAN IN SATBEL ABLE TO DISCUSS CASE IN DETAIL. WE CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE TO SEE KRIEL BEFORE APPROACHING ATTORNEY GENERAL AND WILL WAIT FOR HIS RETURN UNLESS DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS URGENCY TOO GREAT FOR DELAY.

2. SINCE REF B, WE HAVE HAD VISIT FROM H. SEGAL OF PARAGE HOME ENTERTAINMENT CENTRES (SA) (PTY) LTD. SEGAL GAVE LONG PRESENTATION ON "CHAOS" IN MOVIE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND LOSSES THAT "PIRATE OPERATORS" CAUSING TO U.S. PRODUCERS
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AND TO LEGITIMATE DISTRIBUTORS IN SA. SEGAL CONSIDERS SA

LAW STILL INADEQUATE AND BELIEVES ONLY CRIMINAL PENALTIES (WHICH HE IMPLIES NOT NOW APPLICABLE), COUPLED WITH U.S. LEGISLATION TO PREVENT EXPORTS TO ILLEGAL OPERATORS, WOULD CONTROL PROBLEM. DESPITE HIS EXHAUSTIVE PRESENTATION, SEGAL MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUEST OF US AND ASKED ONLY FOR "ANY ASSISTANCE YOU MAY OFFER".

3. COMMENT: WE ARE POUCHING COPIES HIS LENGTHY LETTER OUTLINING SITUATION TO DEPARTMENT FOR AF/S AND EB/CBA/BP. ITS REVIEW IS REQUESTED IN LIGHT OF THE LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED WITH THE SAG IN 1973 FOR REVISION OF THEIR COPYRIGHT LAWS SO AS TO END EARLIER CONDITION OF COPYRIGHT PIRACY. END COMMENT.

4. FYI: NONE OF OFFICERS CONCERNED WITH THESE NEGOTIATION ARE STILL IN SOUTH AFRICA. END FYI.
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